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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION VANCE SPEECH

1. REPORTS OF PROTESTS AND CRITICISM FROM OFFICIAL ROC BODIES, HEATED EDITORIAL COMMENT AND BANNERED STORIES OF ROC FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT TAKING "EXCEPTION" TO VANCE SPEECH BMINATED LOCAL PRESS OVER HOLIDAY PERIOD.

2. CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY AND ALL PAPERS JULY 3 REPORTED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LODGED A "STRONG PROTEST" AGAINST STATEMENT OF CHINA POLICY AND REITERATED ROC'S REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE WITH MAINLAND AND ITS INTENTION TO CONTINUE POLICY OF RECOVERING THE MAINLAND.

3. MINISTER-WITHOUT-PORTFOLIO AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO U.S. GEORGE YEH TOLD CNA, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, THAT NORMALIZATION WOULD NOT MERELY MEAN AN ACT OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION BUT ALSO "A CLEARLY POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION IN FAVOR OF COMMUNIST RULE."

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HE QUOTED AS SAYING IT WOULD "PLACE TAIWAN UNDER THE CONSTANT DANGER OF BEING ATTACKED AND ITS POPULATION IN GROWING FEAR OF COMMUNIST THREAT AND RULE."

4. FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF CONTROL YUAN JULY 2 EXPRESSED "DEEP REGRET" AT POLICY STATEMENT, SAYING IT WILL BRING ENDLESS TROUBLES TO THE WORLD.

5. OTHER CRITICAL REACTIONS REPORTED FROM: MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE YUAN, CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF MINORITY YOUNG CHINA PARTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY, TAIWAN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY, BOARD CHAIRMEN TAIWAN PROVINCIAL LABOR ASSOCIATION AND TAIWAN PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION PLUS OTHERS.

6. UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO; 600,000) JULY 2 SAID FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT NOT STRONG ENOUGH, RATHER TOO MODERATE AND URGED A STRONG PROTEST BE MADE TO USG. JULY 3 CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG JIH PAO; 400,000) SAID IT IMPOSSIBLE TO WISH PEACEFUL SOLUTION BY CHINESE PEOPLE BECAUSE, AS PREMIER CHIANG HAS STRESSED PREVIOUSLY, ROC WILL NEVER NEGOTIATE OR COMPROMISE WITH COMMUNISTS. OTHER CHINESE PAPERS VOICED INDIGNATION, NEED FOR SELF-RELIANCE AND HOPE FOR RESISTANCE BY AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION AND CONGRESS.

7. JULY 2 ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS (20,000) EDITORIAL RECITED HISTORY OF 1940'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINESE COMMUNISTS, REITERATED ROC'S DETERMINATION TO NEVER ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM AGAIN, ASKED WHY CARTER HOPES FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT: "ARE WE TO BE GIVEN AN ULTIMATUM TO NEGOTIATE -- OR ELSE?" SAW SUCH A POSITION CONTRADICTORY TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY BASED UNCLASSIFIED

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ON MORALITY AND NOTED PRC DEMANDS UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER BUT PEOPLE ON TAIWAN BELIEVE "BETTER DEAD THAN RED." CONCLUDED THAT IF PRESIDENT BETTER UNDERSTOOD "REALITIES" OF ROC SITUATION AND ITS UNCOMPROMISING DETERMINATION, "THE TRAGEDY OF WAR IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS CAN BE EVERTED".

8. JULY 2 ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA POST (30,000) EDITORIAL SAID "ESSENTIAL IMPLICATIONS" OF VANCE REMARKS "LEFT NO DOUBT THAT THE U.S. HAS FINALLY AND OFFICIALLY DISCARDED THE CONTAINMENT POLICY" OF EISENHOWER. ARGUED USIGNING PRC ROLE IN MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE "CONTRADICTED PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER'S PROFESSION OF A FOREIGN POLICY OF MORALITY, CONFIDENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS." EDITORIAL, LIKE MANY OTHERS, COMPLAINED OF VANCE FAILURE TO MENTION ROC BY NAME IN SPEECH.

9. PAPERS ALSO WIDELY PLAYED REACTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THEIR U.S. CORRESPONDENTS. JULY 3 CENTRAL DAILY NEWS BRICE WANG QUOTED FROM DOS "DOCUMENT", PREPARED FOR JUNE 30 NEWS BRIEFING BUT NOT USED, TO EFFECT "THERE IS A VALID MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY EXISTING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE ROC. THE PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY STATED THAT

WE ADHERE TO THE COMVTMENT."

10. UNITED DAILY NEWS' COMET SHIH REPORTED JULY 3 THAT DOS "OFFICIAL" EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT ROC REACTION TO VANCE SPEECH AS "MUCH STRONGER" THAN EXPECTED. SHIH SAID OFFICIAL ADMITTED VANCE DELIBERATELY AVOIDED MENTIONING THE ROC BUT "STAFFERS UNDERESTIMATED THE STRONG ROC REACTION."

11. OTHER STORIES REPORTED COMMENTS BY GOLDWATER ON "DECEPTION", SPARKMAN STATEMENT OF SUPPORT MADE TO NORMAN FU OF CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO, 530,000), REMARKS BY UTAH'S GERN TO FU THAT VANCE IGNORED SENTIMENT OF CONGRESS AND PEOPLE, BUT ADVISING ADAPTING TO TWO-CHINA
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